

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH

February
Month of
The Holy
Family



February 23, 2020
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

HH - Hitch Hall MH - Maher Hall
SB - School Basement
R - Rectory CH - Church
WH - Waldeisen Hall

| Date | Observance | Mass Time & Intention | Server(s) | Readings | Event/Meeting |
|----------------|--|--|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| Mon Feb 24 | Anointing of the Sick | 5:30 pm Stephen & Mary Sboray by John & Karen Sboray | Hamilton | Jas 3:13-18; Mk 9:14-29 | |
| Tues Feb 25 | | | | Jas 4:1-10; Mk 9:30-37 | Free Store 4:30 - 7 pm SB Community Meal 5 - 6:30 pm WH |
| Wed Feb 26 | Ash Wednesday Day of Fast & Abstinence | 9:30 am Patrick Steurer by Family 5:30 pm Dorothy Gabelman by Family | Keegan Hamilton | Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20 - 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18 | Contemporary Choir 6:45 pm CH |
| Thur Feb 27 | | | | Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25 | |
| Fri Feb 28 | | 5:30 pm Tom Kunkel by Alberta Kunkel | Hamilton | Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15 | Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm CH |
| Sat Feb 29 | | 5:30 pm People of the Parish | 5:30 pm Morgan | Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32 | Confessions 9 - 10 am CH Free Store 9:30 am - Noon SB |
| Sun Mar 1 | First Sunday of Lent | 8:30 am Living & Deceased Members of the Altar & Rosary Society 11 am Chris McDonald by Steve & Toni Zamesko | 8:30 am Baker 11 am Hamilton | Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Rom 5:12-19; Mt 4:1-11 | |

Sanctuary Lamp - Special Intention

Holy Hours: Mon. & Tues. 9 am - 5 pm.

Start something new in 2020 - Come spend an hour each week reading & reflecting in the presence of our Lord. Please come to the rectory for entry to the church.

COLLECTION REPORT

| Week Ending | Feb 9 | Feb 16 |
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| Sunday Offering - | \$3,498.00 | \$2,519.00 |
| Daily Offering - | \$38.00 | \$160.00 |
| Total | \$3,536.00 | \$2,679.00 |
| Weekly Budget | | |
| operating costs | \$3,945.00 | \$3,945.00 |
| (Shortfall) Overage | (\$409.00) | (\$1,256.00) |
| St. Vincent de Paul - | \$70.00 | \$20.00 |
| Capital Improvement - | \$30.00 | \$795.00 |
| Debt Reduction - | \$166.00 | \$60.00 |
| Other Gifts - | | \$40.00 |
| Envs used of 257 sent | 78 | 61 |
| 139 households receiving envelopes have not used them in 2020 | | |

Due to Ash Wednesday, the **Anointing of the Sick** for February will be **this Mon., Feb. 24th** at the 5:30 pm Mass.

Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

• **Community Meal** - The next dinner will be **this Tues., Feb. 25th** in Waldeisen Hall from 5 - 6:30 pm and will have a Mardi Gras theme. Join us for a delicious meal.

• **Parish Pastoral Council** - **This Tuesday, Feb. 25th**, 7 pm in Hitch Hall.

• **Ash Wednesday** - Lent begins Wednesday and we will have 2 Masses: 9:30 am - Lector needed, EMHCs needed & 5:30 pm - Lector needed, EMHCs: J. & J. Osolin, needed. Call the rectory to share stewardship.

• **AFF** - Thurs., March 5th at 7 pm in Waldeisen Hall. Doors open at 6:30 for snacks and refreshments. Topic: True Reformers, Pt. 1.

• **Evening of Confession** will be held in every Catholic Church throughout the diocese from 5 - 8 pm on Wed., Mar. 11th. If you know someone who has been away from the Church & wants to come home, please invite them to come to Confession and come with them as an example and their support system. If possible, we ask parishioners to come during regular Confession time - Saturdays from 9 - 10 am. Pray for all who will come home during this time.

History of Popes

#163 – Pope Honorius II - Pope from Dec. 21, 1124 – death, Feb. 13, 1130. Lamberto Scannabecchi, an Italian, was born Feb 9th, 1060. Highly intelligent, he rose quickly through the Church's ranks. He was called to Rome by Pope Paschal II in 1117 and proceeded to serve his successors, Gelasius II & Callistus II. He was elected pope two days after Callistus' death, taking the name "Honorius II." Honorius worked to resolve a number of church abuses and disputes in England, Denmark, and Scotland, in addition to helping the troubled abbeys at Cluny & Monte Cassino. He was known for his diplomacy which brought much-needed imperial peace for the Church. When Emperor Henry V died six months into Honorius' reign, the pope sent legates to Germany to find a king who was gracious & loyal in service to the Church & the papacy. The legates found Lothair, Count of Supplinburg. In 1128, Pope Honorius officially recognized the Knights Templar, a new religious order of French noblemen. St. Bernard of Clairvaux, a Doctor of the Church, championed the order's approval and wrote up their first set of rules. Along with vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, the order's mission was to aid Christian pilgrims in the Holy Land & defend the conquests of the Crusades from Muslim invaders. Contrary to the picture painted of them in mainstream culture, the Knights were worthy soldiers who protected the Church's spiritual and physical patrimony well. What else was going on in the world at the time? Edgar the Aetheling, the last male member of the English Anglo-Saxon royal house and once-proclaimed King of England, died in 1126 at the age of 75. Never actually crowned king, he did lead the English navy in Syria during the First Crusade.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

As we head into Lent, a time of reflection, a time to look deep within ourselves, a time to ask forgiveness and give forgiveness and a time to make permanent positive changes, we have readings that help us begin the process. The Lord tells Moses, and us, to be holy as the Lord is holy. Holy means to be set apart for a particular purpose which is to live in, with and for God. How well do we do this? The Lord tells us not to bear hatred for others in our hearts, but rather "to love your neighbor as yourself." Who are the difficult people in our lives? How well do we love others – especially those who look different than we do? Who are we judging? St. Paul reminds us that if we think we have it all together and think we have no need for God, we'd better think again because we're only fooling ourselves and it will catch up to us. When are the times we've forgotten our dependency on God in favor of our own delusional thinking? Jesus turns everything upside down by telling us to not only love our enemies, but to pray for them! When was the last time we did that? Jesus urges us to be of service to others and not limit or put conditions on our service. How often do we do that? All this will get us started on our self-reflection, but we must be willing to go deeper and allow the Spirit to work within so that we may indeed become the people we were created to be in God's image.

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Church Housekeeping – We are in need of 2 more people to clean the church once a month. Please call 330-825-5949 to help.

Snow Removal – We need able-bodied men, women and students to help with snow removal when needed. Call the rectory to let us know when you are available – early morning, morning, afternoon, early evening. Thank you!

In His Name – We are collecting new warm socks for the homeless through **Project Hope** at Hoban High School. Toiletries for the Peter Maurin Center is ongoing.

Community Meal Needs: potato flakes.

Thank you to all our chefs, those who donated desserts and to **John Osolin**, the Bread Man, for all the delicious soups, chilis, bread & goodies. It was a fun afternoon! Thank you to all who came out to support fellow parishioners and share fellowship. Thank you to **Charlie Wilson** & the **Parish Activities Committee** – good job! Check out the parish website for pictures. Congratulations to our winning chefs: **Lori Eggert, June Osolin & Chris Eggert.**

Formed – Due to the cost to the parish and the disappointing number of parishioners who signed up for FORMED, we won't be renewing our subscription. Those who did sign up will be contacted with information on how we have arranged for you to maintain your subscription

The **3 pillars of Lent** are: prayer, fasting & almsgiving. **Prayer** – Read the daily Mass readings (on calendar) check out the online sites listed on the Journey through Lent, attend daily Mass, make a Holy Hour, go to confession, **make Fridays special** by coming to 5:30 pm Mass, staying for private prayer time & then praying the Stations of the Cross at 6:30 pm, pray for fellow parishioners & for the sharing of your stewardship. **Fasting** - Ash Wednesday & Good Friday are days of fast & abstinence. *Fasting* is obligatory for all between 18 & 59 years old, allowing a person to eat one full meal, two smaller meals, not to equal one full meal with no in-between meal snacks. *Abstinence* (from meat and meat products) is obligatory beginning at age 14. *Fridays in Lent* are days of complete abstinence. **Almsgiving** – Pick up a rice bowl container from the table near the main doors of the church and support Catholic Relief Services. More info to come.

Candle & Cross Bearers are needed for Stations of the Cross. You may sign up at the main doors of the church. Stations will be prayed at 6:30 pm on the Fridays of Lent.

•**Caring and Sharing** for those struggling with divorce, separation or widowhood will be held Mon., Feb. 24th from 7:30 - 9 pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary's Convent Bldg. For information, call Marlene at 330-607-6284.